

# Senate Study Bill 1058 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SCHULTZ)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a work group relating to the removal, transfer,  
2 and transportation of human remains by persons other than a  
3 funeral director.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. REMOVAL, TRANSFER, AND TRANSPORTATION OF HUMAN  
2 REMAINS — BOARD OF MORTUARY SCIENCE WORK GROUP.

3 1. The board of mortuary science shall convene a work  
4 group to make recommendations to allow a funeral director,  
5 without first assuming custody of human remains, to delegate  
6 to a certified employee or agent of the funeral director the  
7 removal, transfer, and transportation of human remains from the  
8 place of death to a funeral establishment or other designated  
9 place. The work group shall consider the prerequisites for  
10 delegation, including any required training the certified  
11 employee or agent shall complete prior to performing any  
12 removal, transfer, or transportation of human remains pursuant  
13 to this section. Members of the work group shall include all  
14 of the following:

15     a. A representative of the Iowa funeral directors  
16 association.

17      b. A representative of the board of mortuary science.

18 c. A person authorized to perform autopsies in this state.

19       d. Two persons who are not licensed funeral directors  
20 or authorized to perform autopsies in this state, who shall  
21 represent the public.

22       2. The work group shall submit a report no later than  
23 December 15, 2023, including its findings and recommendations,  
24 to the board of mortuary science.

25       3. The board of mortuary science shall adopt rules pursuant  
26 to chapter 17A to implement the recommendations of the work  
27 group.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill relates to the removal, transfer, and  
32 transportation of human remains by persons other than a funeral  
33 director. The bill requires the board of mortuary science to  
34 convene a work group to make recommendations to allow funeral  
35 directors to delegate to a certified employee or agent of the

1 funeral director the removal, transfer, and transportation of  
2 human remains from the place of death without first taking  
3 custody of the human remains. The bill requires the work group  
4 to consider any training employees or agents must complete  
5 prior to transporting human remains. The bill includes  
6 membership requirements for the work group and requires the  
7 work group to submit its findings and recommendations to the  
8 board of mortuary science no later than December 15, 2023.  
9 The bill requires the board of mortuary science to adopt  
10 rules to implement the recommendations of the work group.